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## B. S. CABLE APPOINTED

Succeeds McHarg as Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

## ANOTHER YALE GRADUATE

J. F. Curtis to Be Made Assistant Secretary of Treasury.

## CURRY'S SUCCESSOR CHOSEN

Name of New Governor of New Mexico Withheld Pending Acceptance.

Benjamin S. Cable, a Chicago lawyer and a republican, thirty-seven years old, has been selected by President Taft and Secretary Nagel as assistant secretary of the Department of Commerce and Labor, to succeed Ormsby McHarg, who resigned some months ago.

Mr. Cable's father was the founder of the old Rock Island railroad, but retired from active railroad connections when various roads were combined into the Rock Island system. His uncle was the well known Ben Cable, democratic leader and boss of Illinois for many years.

Mr. Cable is a graduate of Yale, and was a "bones" man in that institution. He has been personally known to Secretary Nagel for twelve years.

Mr. Cable was for years connected with the Rock Island legal department, but resigned some time ago to go into the general practice of law in Chicago. He is unmarried.

He is expected to come to Washington and enter upon his duties in about ten days.

The appointment has the indorsement of Senators Cullum and Lorimer. The former saw the President today, and going out said that the appointment of Mr. Cable would be made.

## New Treasury Assistant Secretary.

President Taft will shortly announce the appointment of James Freeman Curtis of Boston as assistant secretary of the Treasury, to succeed James B. Reynolds, resigned, to become a member of the tariff commission.

Secretary McLaughlin makes the announcement that he has picked Mr. Curtis and that the President will ratify the selection.

Mr. Curtis is a graduate of Harvard, class of 1890. He won prizes in the college days as a champion in intercollegiate golf. He is an old friend of Mr. MacVeagh.

Mr. Curtis has practiced law in Boston since receiving his degree. He was assistant attorney general of Massachusetts under Attorney General Malone and resigned to become assistant United States attorney at Boston, a post he now holds.

He is now engaged in important prosecutions for the government and will be ready to enter upon his duties in a short time. He is unmarried, is thirty-two years of age, and is regarded as well qualified for the position.

## Governor of New Mexico.

Postmaster General Hitchcock and Solomon Luna, the republican national committeeman of New Mexico, conferred with President Taft about the appointment of a governor of New Mexico to succeed Gov. Curry, resigned, to take effect March 1.

Mr. Luna has been sent by the President asking him if he will accept the position. Until a reply has been received no announcement of the name will be made.

## Lurton's Nomination Forecasted.

The probable nomination of Judge Horace H. Lurton of Tennessee as associate justice of the Supreme Court is forecasted by conferences the President is having with members of the judiciary committee of the Senate and justices of the Supreme Court.

The President wants to prepare the way for the nomination of Judge Lurton by consulting the members of the Senate judiciary committee, in preparation for Judge Lurton is his age, which is sixty-five years, but the President appears to be overcoming that.

## Butter and Oleomargarine Fight.

The preliminary clashes between the butter and oleomargarine interests of the country have begun. The fiercest contest of years is looked for the coming session of Congress.

The charge is made that Ogden Armour, the great packer, engaged now, like nearly all the packers, in making oleomargarine, has covered the butter market and before the Supreme Court will send butter to 50 cents a pound, while the object lesson in more liberal legislation for oleomargarine.

The oleomargarine people find a larger demand, they grow stronger and defy the butter and dairy interests, accusing the latter of forcing prices to the public, which is in course of preparation. Committees have come on here to take the subject up with him and are writing their views to him.

The tax on uncolored oleomargarine is one-fourth of 1 cent per pound. Upon the colored product, in imitation of butter, the tax is 10 cents per pound. In the case of the heavy tax upon the colored product the sale is growing, taking the place of butter in all parts of the country.

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## HANGING IN BALANCE

Fate of Foot Ball in District Under Consideration.

## MEETING THIS AFTERNOON

College Officials and Experts Give Views to Commissioners.

## MAY END IN ABOLISHING GAME

Regulation or Absolute Prohibition by Law Among the Possibilities.

Perhaps the funeral march of foot ball in Washington will be played in Commissioner Macfarland's office this afternoon, for the leaders in the game in Washington met there at 3 o'clock to give their expression as to what course is best to pursue in the future.

The coaches of the foot ball teams of Georgetown, George Washington and Gallaudet, together with the members of the faculty, who have athletics under their eyes, have been invited to attend, and also members of the faculties of the Washington high schools. Sporting editors of the daily papers have been asked to give their opinions on the game.

If possible, soccer foot ball experts will be on hand.

The Commissioners seem determined to do for the game whatever public sentiment demands. If the people cry out to abolish the game for good and all, then foot ball may enter the tomb which bears the requiem of prize fighting. If there is no such strong adverse sentiment it is still highly probable that a representative of the District of Columbia or the foot ball teams here will attend the next meeting of the foot ball rules committee to suggest changes that will eliminate as far as possible the dangerous features of the game.

Possible Ways of Regulation.

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## SHOTS AS FIRE ALARM

Italian Way of Calling Help Costly in Life.

## SIX PERISH IN FLAMES

Four Children Among the Dead in New York Tenement.

## TIME LOST CALLING ENGINES

Escape of Inmates Cut Off Before Policemen Knew for Sure What Was Going On.

Special Dispatch to The Star.  
NEW YORK, November 24.—The Italian practice of sounding a fire alarm by shooting off revolvers instead of turning the key to a fire alarm box had much to do with the seriousness of a midnight tenement blaze in which six lives were lost and four children were seriously burned. The fire was discovered in the basement of a frame tenement house at 1400 Herkimer street, East New York, and by the time the revolver shots of the frightened tenants had attracted the attention of the police the fire had gained such headway that saving the building was impossible, and rescuing the tenants could be accomplished with only partial success.

On the arrival of the first company of the fire department a second alarm was immediately sent in and ladders were run to all the windows that had not yet been picked up by the flames. Down these ladders frightened mothers were brought with terrified children in their arms, and after them the grown men were hustled.

Two Families Wiped Out.  
For a time it was thought that all had been brought out, but when the fire was finally extinguished and a search of the ruins was made the bodies of six persons were found. They were members of two families, a mother and three children perishing in one case and a father and his four-year-old son in the other.

The dead are Mrs. Josephine Carravella, 30, and her children, Rosina, twenty-nine months old; Rose, three months old; and Lilia, seven years old; Domenico Bernardo, thirty years old, and his son, Piero, four years old.

Besides the six dead, five persons were so badly burned about the face and hands in attempting to make their escape that they had to be sent to hospitals. A dozen tenants who were carried out in a hysterical condition or unconscious from smoke were given medical attention and recovered without being sent to hospitals.

The tenement was filled with sleeping persons when the fire was first noticed, and then a salvo of revolver shots attracted two distant policemen. They ran in the direction of the noise and recovered the tenement house after they turned in an alarm.

Throw Her Baby to Crowd.  
The work of making rescues even then was difficult, as the stairway was shut off, and persons were beginning to jump from the upper windows. Mrs. Rose Montefort stood at a window on the third floor, holding her year-old baby in her arms until the window frame showed red with flames. Then she threw the baby into the crowd below and jumped.

The baby was caught by Harry Miner of 10 Knickerbocker hotel, who identified her as Mrs. Montefort. She was not seriously injured. Mrs. Montefort failed to clear a coping projecting from a small porch below, and fell into the street.

Rafaelo Carravella, every member of whose family had suffered death or serious injury in the fire, was too badly injured himself to make any statement as to how it originated. He was the janitor and lived in the basement. The place was a frame structure and was owned by the Italian Railroad Company. The loss was estimated at about \$2,500.

May Have Been Incendiary.  
The fire marshal investigated a report that the blaze was of incendiary origin. All that can be learned from tenants who escaped was that it came up the stairway from the basement and came with such amazing speed that even a policeman, who had rushed up the stairs to arouse the tenants, found himself unable to jump from the window and had to jump from a rear window.

The great rapidity with which the fire spread caused many to think that the stairway had been sprinkled with kerosene.

## GYPSIES WILL CELEBRATE.

Recovery of Girl Who Had Been Kidnaped Cause of Rejoicing.

ELIZABETH, N. J., November 24.—The recovery in a Chicago lodging house of Amelia Johnson, thirteen years old, who was kidnaped from the Johnstown gypsy camp here three years ago, will be celebrated Thanksgiving day by the camp now quartered in a park on the outskirts of the city. On that day the child's father, Ephraim Johnson, is expected back from Chicago with her.

Amelia Johnson, leader of a rival gypsy camp, who is under arrest in Chicago, had been offering the girl for sale, according to reports which had reached the Johnson camp.

## ACID THROWERS SENTENCED.

Two Suffragettes at London Pay Penalty for Election Violations.

Special Cablegram to The Star.  
LONDON, November 24.—Mrs. Alice Chaslin, the militant suffragette who broke a bottle of corrosive acid on the ballot box during the Hermondey by-election, October 28, was tried in the Old Bailey police court today. One of the election officers was so badly injured by the acid getting into his eyes that he had to be taken to a hospital and the ballots were so defaced by the fluid that a new box had to be substituted. Mrs. Chaslin was arrested and held in \$1,000 bail for trial on the charge, under the Electoral Act, of unlawfully interfering with the ballot boxes and also with causing grievance and bodily harm to an election officer.

Mrs. Chaslin was found guilty today on this charge and was sentenced to three months' imprisonment for interfering with the ballot box, and four months' imprisonment for assaulting an election officer, the sentence to run concurrently.

Miss Alice Neilson, who also threw acid into the ballot box, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment for interfering with the election.

## Dependency Cause of Suicide.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., November 24.—J. E. Cobb, aged sixty-one, a visitor from Pensacola, Fla., severed his jugular vein and almost beheaded himself with a razor late yesterday afternoon. His health, financial troubles and dependency are the cause attributed.

## AMERICANS IN JAIL

Arrested for Refusing to Aid Cause of Zelaya.

## ARE HELD INCOMMUNICADO

Iglesias Prevented From Giving Aid to Revolutionists.

## INTERVENTION BY COSTA RICA

Nicaraguan Laws Violated by Execution of Groce and Cannon. No Death Penalty for Crime.

NEW ORLEANS, November 24.—A cable from Panama today says that Edgar S. Harris of Columbus, Ohio, an American commercial traveler, who has been touring Central America, declares that several Americans are in jail at Managua and other places in Nicaragua, having been arrested on orders from Zelaya.

Every American in business in Nicaragua who refused to contribute to the war fund levied by Zelaya was promptly arrested and thrown into prison, Harris says. A few Americans who were arrested bought their way out of jail by paying the price demanded. A number are still held incommunicado.

Harris says it is unsafe for an American to appear in the section of Nicaragua controlled by Zelaya. He was himself subjected to jibes and insult at Corinto, and left the place on the first available steamer.

## Iglesias' Efforts Balked.

PORTO RICO, Spanish Honduras, November 19 (via New Orleans, November 24).—Telegraph cables from Managua say it is believed in Nicaragua that the government authorities in Port Limon, Costa Rica, and former President Rafael Iglesias and his following have aided the Nicaraguan revolutionists.

This information came from a high official of Nicaragua, who said that this aid had been stopped through the petitions of the charge d'affaires of Nicaragua at the Costa Rica capital, backed by Ricardo Jimenez, Costa Rican presidential nominee, and his party.

The representations of the Nicaraguan charge are said to have caused the concentration of forty-three soldiers, captured from the rebel army, at La Colosada. These prisoners were to be taken to San Jose, Costa Rica, but were rescued and set free by their companions in the rebel army.

## No Death Penalty in Nicaragua.

Special Dispatch to The Star.  
NEW ORLEANS, November 24.—That Zelaya violated the laws and constitution of his country in ordering the execution of the two Americans, Leonard W. Groce of Texas and LeRoy Cannon of Pennsylvania, for having participated in the revolution, is the statement of Consul General Sussmann of the provisional government.

Mr. Sussmann says there is a section of the Nicaraguan constitution which especially provides that no man shall be sentenced to death for a political crime, and that no revolutionary trouble or other political outbreak. The most severe penalty that can be imposed legally is a sentence in the state prison, which is the infliction of a limited number of lashes